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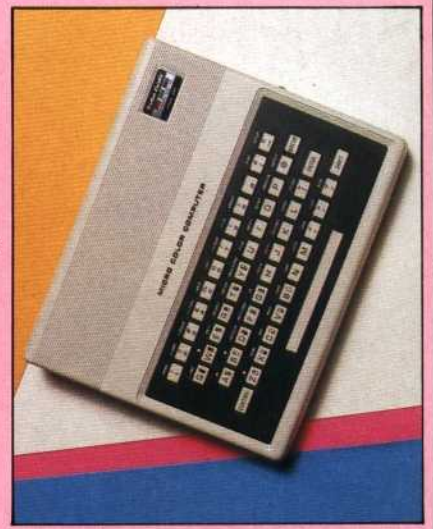
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Next Week

• Continuing our occasional series on portable computers, we compare lap-helds from Olivetti, NEC and Tandy — different versions of the same basic computer.

• Our robotics series investigates and simulates the robot arm.

• We introduce you to the dynaturtle, in a LOGO-based guided tour of vector algebra.



QUIZ

- 1) What does 'hard-sectored' mean?
- 2) Where would you expect to find a MIRROR command?
- 3) What is 'commonality'?
- 4) Where do you find 'metal collar workers'?

Answers To Last Week's Quiz

- 1) 'Elektro' was an early robot, built by Westinghouse. It was seven feet tall, and could count, walk, talk and distinguish colours.
- 2) 'Stubs' are sections of an uncompleted program that simulate the action of as yet unwritten routines, permitting testing of other parts of the program.
- 3) A 'high-pass filter' is an electronic filter. It passes only those signals whose frequency is higher than a pre-set lower limit.
- 4) 'CMOS' stands for 'complementary metal oxide semiconductor'. These 'field-effect transistors' take less power than conventional chips, so are often used in battery-powered computers.

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